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Memorandum for Messrs. Greer  
Henson  
Holtzman  
Pepples  
Stevens  
Witt

Re: Dr. Henry Rothschild

From 1977 to Spring 1981 the industry provided funding for Dr. Rothschild's research regarding the unusually high incidence of lung cancer in Southern Louisiana. During that time, Dr. Rothschild explored various theories relating to the possibility that some peculiar genetic or environmental factor might be at work. The amount of funding during that period was approximately as follows: \$12,000 in 1977; \$26,000 in 1978; \$35,000 in 1979; and \$42,500 in 1980 and early 1981.

The 1980-81 funding was intended to allow Dr. Rothschild to pursue his work during the time his application for a CTR grant was under consideration. At the time Dr. Rothschild applied for a CTR grant his research had evolved to a point where his primary focus was on a possible genetic factor rather than environmental or occupational factors. CTR turned down Dr. Rothschild's grant application in January 1981. Dr. Rothschild thereafter applied for an NIH grant to support his work. His proposal was approved, but the priority assigned to it was such as to preclude funding.

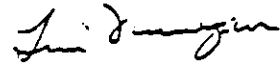
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Over the past year, I have met with Dr. Rothschild on several occasions to discuss the status of his work and the options open to him for pursuing it. Attached hereto is a proposal which I recently received from Dr. Rothschild requesting funding in the amount of \$25,000 for a one-year period commencing February 1, 1982 which would permit him to carry forward his work relating to genetic aspects of lung cancer.

I have discussed this proposal with Dr. Sommers who believes that this is a worthwhile project which should be funded. I have also discussed this project with Dr. Alvan Feinstein of Yale and he has expressed the view that the subject of his research is worthy of scientific investigation.

I recommend that we fund Dr. Rothschild's research for a one-year period in the amount of \$25,000 as a CTR special project.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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